

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

First, I do not like the word forced. I think that I am the one who should decide weather I need a test or not. If I feel my hearing is declining then I would opt for the test. Yes, if I am "Forced" into this, then FDA should pay.

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

To date I have been able to drive to a doctor but when and if the day comes, I, m unable to drive, can, t find someone to drive me, who will pay for this?

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

The answer to this question is definitely No. See my answer to #1

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

Yes, I should be able to purchase through the mail. I am the one to judge which company has an Aide to fit my purposes.

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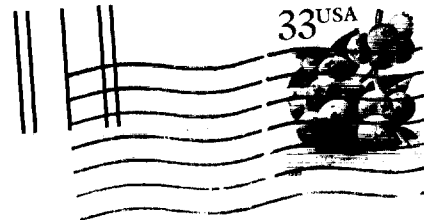
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